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Davidson College
Davidson, Mecklenburg County
North Carolina

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PHUMANEAN (LITERARY SOCIETY) HALL. DAVIDSON COLLEGE.
NORTH CAROLINA

The building of this hall was commenced in 1841, but was not completed until 1849. History shows that its entire cost was only \$1500.00, but its builder is at this time unknown. The structure is one of the earliest buildings of this institution, which was established in 1837.

Woodrow Wilson as a student of the class of 1877, was a member of this society, and made his first debate in this hall in 1873. In 1916, as president of the United States, Mr. Wilson visited Davidson and from the balcony of this building in reply to urgent requests for a speech, humorously said; "I failed in my first speech in this hall and will not attempt to make another."

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